

House Resolution 1082

By: Representatives Abdul-Salaam of the 74th, Jordan of the 77th, Brooks of the 63rd, and Fludd of the 66th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. Arby Edwards; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Arby Edwards' extensive education includes a Bachelor of Science in
3 accounting and business law from East Tennessee State University, a Master of Arts in
4 international relations from Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan, and an Associate's Degree
5 in computer technology from Rhodes College; and

6 WHEREAS, on October 29, 1972, Mr. Edwards survived a traumatic experience when his
7 flight out of Houston, Texas, was hijacked by four men and taken to Cuba where he was held
8 for several days by the Cuban government as a spy; and

9 WHEREAS, one person on such flight was killed and Mr. Edwards finally was permitted to
10 come home after the U.S. State Department was able to secure his release; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards began his professional career as the administrator of the Ouchita
12 Job Corps Center in Hot Springs, Arkansas, from where he made the transition into a career
13 with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

14 WHEREAS, between 1965 and 1988 with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Mr. Edwards
15 worked as a Customs Criminal Investigator and Customs representative at the U.S. embassies
16 in both Japan and Korea; and

17 WHEREAS, after retiring from U.S. Customs and Border Protection in 1988, Mr. Edwards
18 began his second career as a tax auditor for the State of Washington which he continued until
19 1999; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards moved to Fayetteville, Georgia, in 2001 with his wife, Yuko, and
21 his children, Jennifer Momoko and Anthony Kent; and

22 WHEREAS, since moving to Fayetteville, Mr. Edwards has been a leader in civil rights in
23 the community and has served as a shining example for all there of how to be a fully
24 contributing member of the community.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend Mr. Arby Edwards for his contributions to his country
27 and his community.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Arby Edwards.